

your disposal. Just tell us what you need and we will do it. We only have one request—let's do it legally, constitutionally. If the present law is not sufficient, tell us what you need changed.

We have been standing with our arms out since 9/11. But what we have learned now, since 9/11, is basically the President does not care what we do because he has been told—and he accepts the advice given to him by a man by the name of John Yoo, among others—that the President does not need to follow any law that Congress passes, that he is above the law. I am not making this up. This is the fact. Mr. Yoo has stated so before the world on television: The President does not need to follow any law that we pass. But in spite of that, we have said: Mr. President, we are willing to work with you. We don't think you have that authority. But here we are today, with the law about to expire, and the Vice President having made a speech yesterday, and the President making a statement today saying: They have to pass that bill.

As I explained in some detail earlier today, they put us in a Catch-22. No matter what we do, it does not meet their expectations. So I again repeat, I hope the press is watching this. I hope people who believe in good government are watching this. I hope the people are not going to accept Monday night, during the speech that he is going to give, or any statements made between now and the State of the Union Address, that we are holding up his legislation. We are not holding it up. The Republicans in the Senate are holding it up.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask that morning business be closed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007—Continued

Mr. REID. What, then, Mr. President, is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. S. 2248 is the pending business.

AMENDMENT NO. 3918

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have an amendment at the desk to this legislation, and I ask that the clerk report that amendment if it is in keeping with what the Chair suggests.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered 3918 to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 3911.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the first word in the bill and insert the following:

1. EXTENSION OF THE PROTECT AMERICA ACT OF 2007.

Subsection (c) of section 6 of the Protect America Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-55; 121 Stat. 557; 50 U.S.C. 1803 note) is amended by striking “180” in inserting “210”.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the Reid amendment No. 3918 to S. 2248.

John D. Rockefeller, IV, Dianne Feinstein, Jeff Bingaman, Debbie Stabenow, Sheldon Whitehouse, Daniel K. Inouye, Charles E. Schumer, Thomas R. Carper, Bill Nelson, E. Benjamin Nelson, Frank R. Lautenberg, Richard Durbin, Ken Salazar, Tom Harkin, Sherrod Brown, Harry Reid.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to go into a period for the transaction of morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Friday, January 25; that on Friday following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 2248, the FISA legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today Senator MCCONNELL filed cloture on the Rockefeller/Bond substitute amendment. Under the rule, the filing deadline for the first-degree amendments to the substitute amendment is 1 p.m. tomorrow.

As I announced earlier, there will be no rollcall votes tomorrow due to the parliamentary situation created by the minority. We now find ourselves in that situation.

The next vote will occur at 4:30 p.m. on Monday. That vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment. If cloture is not invoked, the way I understand the rules, there will be a vote on our cloture motion that I just filed.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before this body, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:09 p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 25, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.